

What's New for Version 2.04.03 - January 2006

The following upgrades have been made to the ECAS application:

Category 1 - Fixes & business validation refinements

Coast ADS report	Correct the Net Amendments value on the Coast ADS portrait report which did not match the value on the Reference screen.
Coast Reference	Remove 95% Second growth criteria for default to Second Growth selling price zone
Interior Log Transportation	New edit added to Primary Haul Method If the Cutting Permit average Volume/Tree is < 0.20 m3 then The Primary Haul Method must be H – Highway and not O – OffHighway

Category 2 – Enhancements (user-friendliness)

Inbox	<p>The Inbox Search screen has been redesigned to provide more useful search capability and allow display of more search result information.</p> <p>Revise Search criteria as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Remove the following fields: Effective Date From, Effective Date To, Expiry Date From, Expiry Date To, Received By District From, Received By District To, Received By Region From, Received By Region To, Last Modified From, Last Modified To.2. Add a pick list to select one or more date type to be searched for, and add From Date and To Date fields that work in conjunction with the selected date types. If a Date Type is selected, either the From Date or the To Date must be entered. Valid Date Types to be allowed are: Effective Date, Expiry Date, Entry Date, Last Modified Date, Status Date3. Change the ECAS Status from a drop down to a pick list so that more than one status can be searched on at a time.4. Add From Date and To Date fields to work in conjunction with the ECAS Status to allow historical status searches. The user must be able to leave the From and To date fields blank, in which case the search will be for submissions currently in the selected status(s). If
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	<p>dates are specified the search results will display submissions that were changed to the specified status during the date range.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Remove “Sent To Region with Issue” and “Returned to District” check boxes. Searching for these type of submissions can be done by selecting a Status (ie. Sent with Issue or Returned). 6. Remove Cut Block field. Appraisals are performed for Cutting Permits so searching by a cut block is not necessary. 7. Remove XML File search parameter field. 8. Add User Id field. Introduce the ability to search for submissions worked on by a User. If the entered userid is in any one of the following fields of a submission, then that submission is a candidate for search results set (providing is also satisfies all other search parameters): Submitting RPF, District Rep who Sent to Region, Region Rep who Transferred to GAS, Licensee Rep or RPF who initially entered the submission 9. Move the Search and Clear Buttons to the top of the screen 10. Move the My To Do List / All Submissions radio buttons to the top of the screen. 11. Add additional Sort options to allow sorting by Ecas ID, Timber Mark, Licence, Client, Appraisal Type, Effective Date, Ecas Status, Status Date, Submitted Date, Received Date or Sent to Region Date. <p>Revise Search result display as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change Region Received date to District Sent date. 2. Add Status Date (date submission status last changed). 3. Truncate the Client Name description at 30 characters (in addition to the Client Number) 4. Add a Print button for each submission.
Coast & Interior Attachments, Audit History Details	<p>Retain access to deleted attachments to allow comparison between new attachment and old. In Audit History Details a link will be added to enable viewing of the deleted attachment.</p>
User Maintenance	<p>The User Maintenance screen has been changed to provide the ability to associate a Regional user with a specific District for appraisal submission workflow purposes.</p>

	<p>All appraisals for Timber Marks in a District will be put in the inbox of the Regional users associated with that district when the District performs a ‘Send to Region’ or ‘Send to Region with Issue’ status change. Emails notification will be directed only to the associated regional user(s).</p> <p>A regional user can be associated with districts and specific client numbers. This will allow them to be directed workflow from districts, BCTS areas or specific licensees.</p> <p>The decision process of determining the workflow is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a client association exists the submission will be directed to the region representative(s) associated with that client number (this includes BCTS areas). 2. If no association was found for (1) and a district association exists the submission will be directed to the region representative(s) associated with that district. 3. If no client or district association is found, the workflow will be directed to all users in the region.
Coast & Interior Control	When a submission is returned to District by the Region representative, email notification will longer be sent to the submitting RPF and licensee representative.

Category 3 –Policy upgrades

COAST

Coast Cutting Authority Details & Reference. Coast Tree to Truck	<p>In ECAS, activation date (effective date) is Unknown</p> <p>Four fields were added to the Cutting Authority Details (ECAS41) screen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log Dump Location Code, • Other Log Dump Description, • Major Centre Code and • Major Centre Distance. <p>Major Centre Code and Major Centre Distance were previously on the Reference Screen (ECAS30) but have been move to the block level.</p> <p>The Cutting Authority Details screen has been revised, making the screen narrower to avoid horizontal scrolling. This revision included making the Point of Appraisal a single entry at the top of the Cut Block grid. The Point of Appraisal on the Tree to Truck Screen has been made display only.</p>
Coast Specified Operations	<p>MPS Coast Specified Operations codes are no longer subdivided by Phase (Administration, Tree to Truck, Log Transportation).</p> <p>The specified operation phase will be removed from the Specified Operation screen and no longer needs to be supplied in the “description” attribute of the specified operation section of the coast xml submission</p>

INTERIOR

Interior Tabular Roads, Overhead Values, Coast Cutting Authority Details & Reference. Coast Tree to Truck	<p>In ECAS, activation date (effective date) is Unknown</p> <p>IAM 2005 - Note that this policy change was delayed - the software has been installed with a deferred effective date to prevent activation</p> <p><u>Tabular Roads</u></p> <p>Removal of Road Type Code O – Operational and B – Block</p> <p>Addition of Road Type Code L- Long Term and S- Short Term and T- Temporary</p> <p><u>Overhead Values</u></p> <p>CP Slope Percent is now a mandatory field CP Volume/Tree is now a mandatory field</p> <p><u>Basic Silviculture</u></p> <p>Add a second set of BEC Zone, Subzone, and Variant fields Add two percentage fields - one for each of the BEC Zones of which the sum of the two must equal 100 percent</p>
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Category 4 –DTD updates

Coast DTD	<p><u>Specified Operations</u></p> <p>As of the 2.4 release of ECAS, the Specified Operation Phase code should not be supplied in the description attribute of the specified-ops element.</p> <p>The specified operations DTD section follows:</p> <pre><!-- specified-ops --> <!ELEMENT specified-ops EMPTY> <!ATTLIST specified-ops description CDATA #REQUIRED rate CDATA #REQUIRED ></pre> <p>For example, for the Helicopter Single Stem specified</p>
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	<p>operation, previously the xml would be coded with the operating cost phase.</p> <pre><specified-ops description="HSS-TTT" rate="37.68"/></pre> <p>As of release 2.4 the same specified operation would be coded as follows.</p> <pre><specified-ops description="HSS" rate="37.68"/></pre> <p>Note that the list of valid specified operation codes can be found in the ECAS Code List document.</p>
<p>Coast DTD</p>	<p>Note that this policy change was delayed - the software has been installed with a deferred effective date to prevent activation.</p> <p>The following changes affect Coast Appraisal xml submissions only.</p> <p><u>ELEMENT ref-info</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> major-centre-code <i>REMOVED</i> major-centre-code <i>REMOVED</i> <p>Attributes major-centre-code and major-centre-distance have been removed and added to the cutting-authority-detail element. They will now be reported for each Cut Block.</p> <p>The revised ref-info element follows:</p> <pre><!<u>ELEMENT ref-info (timber-mark-cruise-volume+, species-volume+, amendments*, logged-area+, (effective-date (effective-date,expirv-date))?)? ></u></pre> <pre><!ATTLIST ref-info admin-district CDATA #REQUIRED timber-supply-block CDATA #IMPLIED appraisal-type (N R A) #REQUIRED single-tree-selection-cruise-grades (Y N y n) "N" single-tree-selection-volume CDATA #IMPLIED second-growth-coniferous-volume-greater-than-80pct (Y N y n) "Y" second-growth-coniferous-volume CDATA #IMPLIED standard-error-pct CDATA #IMPLIED rate-calculation-method (CVP MPS) #REQUIRED initial-merchantable-area CDATA #IMPLIED ></pre> <p><u>ELEMENT cutting-authority-detail</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> appraisal-log-dump ADDED other-appraisal-log-dump ADDED major-centre-code ADDED major-centre-code ADDED

	<p>Please refer to the ECAS Codes List document to obtain valid Log Dump codes. If the appraised Log Dump is not in the list , enter appraisal-log-dump = ‘OTH’ (Other) and supply the Log Dump description in the other-appraisal-log-dump attribute.</p> <p>The revised cutting-authority-detail element follows:</p> <pre> <!ELEMENT cutting-authority-detail EMPTY> <!ATTLIST cutting-authority-detail road-maint-ind (Y N y n) #REQUIRED block-number CDATA #REQUIRED harvest-method CDATA #REQUIRED block-volume CDATA #REQUIRED tran-type (T B) #IMPLIED point-of-appraisal CDATA #REQUIRED point-origin-1 CDATA #REQUIRED point-origin-2 CDATA #IMPLIED haul-distance CDATA #IMPLIED crew-transport-distance CDATA #IMPLIED martial-point CDATA #IMPLIED accessibility CDATA #IMPLIED appraisal-log-dump CDATA #IMPLIED other-appraisal-log-dump CDATA #IMPLIED major-centre-code CDATA #IMPLIED major-centre-distance CDATA #IMPLIED > </pre> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
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Category 5 –Tech spec/documentation updates

Updated resultant from the changes above. All documentation can be accessed from the ECAS Project website, <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/ECAS/index.htm> .